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CORN PRODUCTION FORECAST AT RECORD HIGH LEVEL

SIOUX FALLS, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 - South Dakota's September 1 **corn** production is forecast at 551.8 million bushels, a potential record high production level for the State, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The forecast is up 6 percent from last month and up 77 percent from last year's level. Yield, forecast at 124 bushels per acre, is up 7 bushels from the August forecast and up 27 bushels from last year's yield. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 4.45 million, are up 38 percent from last year's 3.22 million acres harvested.

South Dakota's September 1 **soybean** production forecast is 130.0 million bushels, up 14 percent from last month's forecast but down 1 percent from last year's level. The estimated yield of 40 bushels per acre, a record high yield for the State, is up 5 bushels from last month and up 6 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest, at 3.25 million, are down 16 percent from last year.

Sorghum production is forecast at 9.0 million bushels, up 19 percent from last month's forecast and up 213 percent from 2006. Expected yield, at 50 bushels per acre, is up 8 bushels from last month and up 14 bushels from last year. Grain sorghum harvested acres, at 180,000, are up 125 percent from last year.

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